Roads in Uttar Pradesh

5079. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh is lagging behind as compared to the other developed States with regard to the construction of roads and National Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the schemes formulated and being implemented by Government to remove the backwardness of the State in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORr AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the State.

Widening of **NH-47**

5080. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the State Government of Kerala to widen NH-47 connecting the Kerala sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon; and

(c) if no decision has been taken so for, whether Government would consider to widen the NH-47 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total length of NH-47 in Kerala is 416.800 Km., out of which 36.450 Km. stretch from Cherthala to Aluva is four lane. The stretch of 16.37 Km. from Aluva to Angamaly (Km. 332/370 to 316/00) has already been taken up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for four laning. Another stretch of 134.00 Km (Km. 316/000 to 182/200) has also been proposed to be widened to four lane in different phases as a part of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) under Cochin-Salem spur. Subject to it being found viable a length of 60.00 Km. stretch from Cherthala to Alleppey on BOT is planned.

Bidding Norms for BOT Projects

5081. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt new bidding norms for the 23 short-listed BOT projects for four-laning of 3000 km of National Highways:

(b) whether, these projects are to be taken up during 2003-04 at an estimated project outlay of Rs.! 0,000 crores; and

(c) whether the successful bidders would be given the complete turn-key assignment from the project feasibility study for construction, operation and maintenance of the highway stretch ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 3,000 km length of National Highways are proposed to be taken up during 2003-2004 for widening to 4-lanes on Build-Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The civil works cost varies from Rs. 3 to 4 crores per km.

(c) The successful bidders would be given the assignment of design, construction, operation and maintenance of the highway stretches. The Feasibility Study is proposed to be carried out separately.

National Highways in Bihar

5082. SHRI LALU PRASAD : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had declared 19 roads covering a length of 2200 kms in Bihar as National Highways during the last 5 years;

(b) whether a major portion of these newly created highways is in bad shape;

(c) whether a proposal for repair of 1155 kms of these highways at an estimate of Rs.482 crores has been submitted to Government during the current Financial year;

(d) whether Government propose to sanction this proposal; and

(e) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) 18 numbers of State roads having a length of 2035 kms have been declared as National Highways during the last five years.

(b) The newly declared National Highways need improvement, which is being done within the available resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.